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April 20, 2005

Mr. Gene K. Fong  
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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Madera County Transportation Commission's (MCTC) 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
4	<b>State Element</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Modifies various projects in Madera County. The projects included in this amendment are funded from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program. See enclosure.</li></ul>

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 4 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 & 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 & 127 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. These projects are included and submitted by MCTC through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

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In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. MCTC prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross A. Chittenden", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN  
Chief  
Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)  
Patricia Taylor-Maley - Madera County Transportation Commission  
Bob Stone Madera County Transportation Commission  
Rachel Falsetti- Caltrans  
Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans